demolition of a protected monument is not permissible.

(d) Security and safety of centrally protected monuments in Delhi is ensured through watch and ward arrangement and regular inspection by officers of the Archaeological Survey of India. Ancient monuments other than those declared to be of national importance, are the concern of the Delhi Administration which is required to take appropriate measures in respect of their security etc.

Railway projects in Kerala

98. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the progress made so far in Ernakulam-AIleppey, and Trichur-Guruvayur Railway projects in Kerala; and

(b) by when these projects are likely to be completed and opened to traffic?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) Progress made on Ernakulam-AIleppey line is 67.5% and Trichur-Guruvayur Line 6.20%.

(b) Ernakulam-AIleppey line is likely to be completed by 30.671989.'Completion of Trichur-Guruvayur will depend upon the availability of resources in the coming' years.

Development of Beach Tourism

99. SHRI ARANGIL SREEDHARAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are taking any steps to develop Beach tourism in the country to boost tourist traffic,

(b) whether any plan has been worked out in this regard, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what concessions are proposed to be made available to private sector for improving hotels at these tourist centres so as to step up development of beach tourism?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. The steps proposed to be taken for development of Beach tourism in the country include financial assistance to States subject to guidelines and safeguards laid down for development of beach resorts and carrying out of surveys to identify petential of beach tourism in different areas.

(c) The incentives/benefits that are available to the private sector for development of beach tourism are similar to those which are provided for other tourism-related projects. These include tax concessions, concessional customs and excise duty for imports, priority in allotment of telephone, telex, gas connections, etc.

Development of Tourism

100. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount allocated and spent for the development of tourism in the Central and State sectors during the current Five Year Plan period;

(b) what is the amount of additional grants and subsidies given to the States during the last three years; and

(c) what is the amount of loans and subsidies granted out of the Central sector fund to the private hotels and restaurants during the above periods?

THE MINISTER OFiTATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) The Plan allocation and